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**AVISTA CORPORATION APPLIES FOR
GROUND WATER PERMIT NEAR RATHDRUM**

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Avista Corporation has applied to state water managers for a new water right that would allow the company to pump 2.87 million gallons of ground water per day for use in its gas fired generation plant near Rathdrum, the Idaho Department of Water Resources said today.

The water would be used for operation of a heat recovery steam generation system the company is considering installing at the project, according to the application filed Jan. 25.

The application asks for a permit that would allow pumping of 4.45 cubic feet per second (CFS) per day from January 1 through December 31. The water would be pumped from up to three wells drilled to a depth of approximately 320 feet, the company said in its application.

IDWR will begin formal processing of the application in early February. For more information on the application or the approval process, contact the IDWR Northern Regional Office, 1910 Northwest Blvd., Suite 210, in Coeur d'Alene – (208) 769-1450.

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